

RUNNING SIXTY MILES AN HOUR

When Thrown From the Tracks By An Unknown Cause.

Erie Flyer Wrecked Near Warren—The Escape of Passengers Is Marvelous.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 13.—It is now believed that there will be no fatalities as the result of the wrecking of the east bound Cleveland & New York special on the Erie road, near Warren, O., yesterday afternoon. George Thomas, of this city, who was at first thought to be fatally injured, regained consciousness during the night, at the hospital in Youngstown, and it is now believed he will recover.

Miss Corn James, also of Cleveland, who was reported as badly injured, is doing well. Mrs. M. Goldsmith is only slightly injured.

The condition of the other passengers injured in the wreck is said to be satisfactory to the physicians. Trains are again running over the west bound track at the scene of the wreck, but the eastbound track has not yet been cleared. President Ramsey, whose private car was attached to the rear of the wrecked train, proceeded to New York last night with General Manager Bickensderfer, of the Wheeling & Lake Erie.

The injuries sustained by Mr. Bickensderfer, are not serious. The officials of the Erie road have as yet made no official statement as to the cause of the wreck. They are inclined to the belief, however, that it was caused by a broken wheel or journal.

The wreck occurred at Phalanx, nine miles from Warren. The wrecked train was the fastest on the road, and was running over 50 miles an hour. In all, 27 persons were slightly hurt.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 13.—Asked for a statement regarding the cause of last night's wreck on the Erie railroad near Phalanx, Superintendent H. N. Don-

aldson said: "It may have been one of several things, but we have only the torn up track and derailed cars to look at. It was one of those unexplainable affairs that sometimes happen in winter. Up to that time the track seemed in good shape and also the cars, as they were all carefully inspected before they leave Cleveland. I do not know how it occurred."

The speed indicator in President Ramsey's private car showed the train was running 60 miles an hour at the time of the accident. That many were not killed is marvelous.

The train was composed of an engine, combination baggage and cafe car, two Pullman coaches, a day coach, and the private car of Joseph Ramsey, president of the Wabash Ry. It was being pulled along a straight stretch of road approaching Phalanx, just 45 miles southeast of Cleveland, when the day coach left the track.

It turned completely over on its side, carrying President Ramsey's private car with it. The other three cars were derailed but did not topple over. The coaches plowed their way through the ground and were smashed almost completely to pieces. The track for a distance of several rods was ripped up.

The train was in charge of Engineer Matt Shay and Fireman Charles Hubler. Shay's story follows:

"The first intimation I had of anything wrong with the train was nine miles west of Warren. At that point I felt an unusual lurch in the engine. I applied the air, and looked back and saw my train in the ditch. I stopped the engine within a train length and a half, and then discovered the rear trucks of the tender were off the track."

Akron Girl Is an Important Witness Against Verne Rogers.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 13.—The State will probably finish the introduction of testimony in the Vernon Rogers murder trial today. One of the most important witnesses for the State is Jeannette Hallen, sister of Margaret Hallen, the dead girl, who arrived from Akron today. She will go on the stand this afternoon.

Twelve witnesses have been sub-

poenaed for Verne Rogers, the defendant. These will be called tomorrow. Rogers' attorneys will attempt to show by them that there was such friendliness between he and Margaret Hallen that it could not have been premeditated murder, but simply the result of a drunken debauch. Rogers admits that he killed the girl, but denies that he intended doing so.

A Bequest of \$20,000.00 For Buchtel College.

President A. B. Church and Secretary C. R. Olin, of Buchtel college, received word Thursday that a bequest of \$20,000 for the permanent endowment fund for general college work, had been made by a friend of Buchtel. The name of the donor is not made public, but it is stated that he is not an Akron man. President Church said Thursday that this is only one of a number of pleasing announcements which will be made later. Such generous donations put the management of this college in a position to bring the institution up to a higher standard than ever, though it now enjoys an enviable reputation for excellence.

THREAT

Written on a Postal Card

Took Helen Hurley Into Court—Judge Taneyhill Fined.

Among those indicted by the Federal grand jury who were arraigned in United States court in Cleveland, Wednesday, was Helen Hurley, a pretty colored girl of Akron, who acknowledged the authorship of a threatening note sent to Mrs. Ben Ward, of Cuyahoga Falls. The threat was written on a postal card.

Of those who received sentence the most prominent figure in private life was Judge Richard W. Taneyhill, the Probate Judge of Holmes county, of Akron. He pleaded guilty to a charge of executing pension vouchers in the absence of the pensioner and without examining the pension certi-

ficate before certifying to the facts. The Judge felt keenly his position and flushed deeply as he stood up for sentence. A fine of \$50 and costs was imposed.

DECLARED

Quarterly Dividend of 11-2 per cent.

Quaker Oats Co. Directors Also Held Meeting.

Directors of the Quaker Oats Co., who attended the meeting of the American Cereal Co., Wednesday, held a regular meeting after the adjournment of the American Cereal meeting. Among other features of business transacted was the declaring of a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on preferred stock of the company, payable Feb. 25. This is the first dividend the new company has declared.

RUMOR

Started Heavy Run On a Xenia Bank.

Xenia, O., Feb. 13.—Because the cashier of the bank at Spring Valley was an intimate friend of H. C. Hubbell, a merchant of the town, the village gossips started a run on the bank by declaring that Hubbell was using the bank's deposits in his business.

The bank was forced to close until money could be obtained from Cincinnati to pay out.

SOME

Improvements to Be Made

On Plants of American Cereal Company.

Name of Company Was Not Changed.

It's Said No Plants Will Be Closed This Year.

It is said that a number of improvements are to be made in plants of the American Cereal Co., in Akron, but this was not decided upon at the annual meeting held here Wednesday. It will be taken up at a meeting of directors three months hence.

Nothing was given out for publication Wednesday concerning the Quaker Oats interests, but it is believed the time has not yet arrived when the name of the American Cereal Co. can be changed to that of the Quaker

Oats Co. Minority stockholders are still opposed to a change.

The annual statement this year was very satisfactory, as evidenced by the declaring of a quarterly dividend of three per cent. No statements were issued for the public this year. Last year the quarterly dividend was two per cent.

An official said Wednesday that none of the plants of the company would be closed this year.

\$100,000 FOR ST. LOUIS SHOW.

The Legislature Will Probably Vote That Sum.

(Special Correspondence.)

Columbus, O., Feb. 13.—The finance committee of the Senate has decided that \$100,000 will be sufficient for Ohio to expend at the Louisiana purchase exposition to be held at St. Louis next year. When the committee that is booming the exposition was here a few weeks ago, and addressed a joint session of the House and Senate, it asked that Ohio appropriate not less than \$300,000 for exposition purposes, and when Senator Archer introduced a bill providing for an appropriation for the exposition it was generally understood that at least \$200,000 would be asked for but the Senate committee has willed otherwise.

At the caucus held yesterday the Democrats decided to support the bill if only \$100,000 was to be asked for.

Episcopal Services at Barberton.

Episcopal services will be conducted in Tracy hall, Barberton, on Friday evening, by Arch Deacon Abbott, of Cleveland, and Rev. J. H. W. Blake, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Akron. The services will begin at 7:30 and music will be furnished by members of St. Paul's choir.

FLYNN WON.

Fast Half Mile Race On West End Rink.

Wm. Flynn made good his declaration that he is a faster skater than Harry Golden, by defeating the latter in their second meeting, on the West End rink, last night. Flynn made the half mile in 1:22, finishing nearly half a lap ahead of his opponent. Quite a crowd witnessed the contest.

BOOSTED

Building Fund of Y. M. C. A

The Name of Donor is Withheld.

Financial Committee Has Been Appointed.

Of the Citizens' Committee of Sixty, having in charge the raising of funds for the Y. M. C. A. work in this city, a financial committee composed of the following gentlemen has been appointed: Messrs. E. D. Coates, Rev. J. L. Davies, E. R. Held, A. A. Lane, L. C. Miles, S. H. Pfrkin, Hon. Geo. W. Sieber, Judge E. W. Stuart.

The committee will name its own chairman, and will meet with the Executive committee, Monday evening, at 5 o'clock at the Second National bank.

The building fund received a substantial boost, Wednesday, but the committee is not ready to announce from what source.

INTEND TO MAKE IT A LAW.

Representatives Will Push New Form of Government Bill.

Some Changes Which the Measure makes on the City Commissioner Law.

Regarding the bill introduced by himself, Representative Buchtel and the Mahoning county representatives in the Legislature, Wednesday, Representative C. F. Seese has written the Democrat, saying:

"So far as the Summit county Representatives are concerned, we are not opposed to the Pugh-Kibler code, but in as much as the citizens of Akron have given their Representatives nothing definite to act upon in the line of a change of government, we thought it best to make such amendments as our best judgments dictated and to proceed to enact the same into law, so that if at the last moment, it should be found that the Pugh-Kibler code could not be passed, we would not be held responsible for neglect of duty."

"If, at any time, the Citizens' committee or any other representatives of the Akron citizens have something different and better to propose, I for one, shall be very glad to take up the matter, but until that is done, the bill we introduced shall be pushed for passage to the best of my ability."

"Respectfully,"

"C. F. SEESE."

As stated in a special dispatch to the Democrat Wednesday the bill which has been introduced provides that there shall be two instead of four Commissioners, that they shall be of different political parties and that the

Mayor shall be a member of the Board by virtue of his office. The bill provides that if a vacancy occurs in the Board the Mayor shall make the appointment of a successor to serve until the next regular election, but the appointee must be of the same political party as the retiring member.

After the first election when the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for one year, the other for two years, one Commissioner shall be elected each year, but shall be a member of the same political party as the outgoing member. The Mayor or shall be chairman of the Board, which shall have a clerk as now, his salary to be not more than \$1,000 annually. The Mayor may vote on all general matters before the Board.

An important amendment to the present law provides that the recommendation of the Commissioners shall not be necessary to make valid any ordinance which passed the Council by a three-fourths vote of all the members. This will prevent dead-locks between the Board and Council.

It is provided that the Commissioners shall hold at least three meetings each week, and either member with the Mayor shall constitute a quorum. No action shall be valid unless it has two of the three votes. The Commissioners including the Mayor and the County Auditor shall constitute the City Board of Equalization.

INSTANT DEATH

By the Explosion of Dynamite In a Clay Bank.

Henry Forhead, of Irvin st., Akron, is dead and Joe Carl, of Thomastown, and Evan Thomas, 143 Chittenden ave., Akron, are dangerously injured as the result of a dynamite explosion which occurred at the clay bank on the Swinehart farm, east of Springfield Center, Thursday forenoon.

The men are employees of the Robinson-Merrill Pottery Co., and were at work blasting clay. It is customary on such occasions to use two charges of dynamite and the men put two charges in the bank as usual. In a moment the explosion came and the three men, supposing all was well begun, the work of taking the clay out of the bank. When a pickaxe struck something, there was a flash, a sharp report, and deafening roar Carl and Thomas were hurled violently from the pit, while Forhead was practically blown to pieces.

Joe Carl, who is also unmarried, was taken to his home at Thomastown. It is thought the injured men will recover.

BARBERTON'S GOOD LUCK.

A \$25,000 Opera House Will Be Built In the Magic City.

Barberton is also to have a new opera house. It will be put up at a cost of \$25,000 by Mr. A. F. Stuhlreher, formerly City Clerk of Barberton, at the corner of Tuscarawas ave. and Second st. The building will be 100x48, three stories high and conform to modern style of architecture in every way. Mr. Stuhlreher will have a large force of men begin work on the building early in the spring and expects to have it completed by July 1.

DERAILED.

C. L. & W. Passenger Train Tore Up the Earth.

A C. L. & W. passenger train ran into a derailler a short distance south of the East Market st. bridge Wednesday at 11:50 p.m. The train was on the C. A. & C. track and the engineer apparently failed to notice that the way was clear for an Erie train.

The engine plowed its way almost to the stone wall on the east side of the tracks, and tore up the pipes of the interlocking switch system. It required four hours' work to replace the engine on the track. None of the passengers were hurt, although they were considerably shaken up.

The Weather: INCREASING CLOUDINESS TO-NIGHT; FRIDAY, SNOW.



President Roosevelt and Private Secretary Certelyou at Groton.

Groton, Mass., Feb. 13.—Young Theodore Roosevelt passed a good night and this morning his condition was such that it was announced that the President would leave for Washington this afternoon. The crisis of the disease in the right lung has been passed successfully. The left lung has cleared to the satisfaction of the doctors, and the boy is now considered out of danger.

Secretary Cortelyou gave out the information concerning the patient this morning, with the additional statement that the lad has passed one of the

quietest nights since he was taken ill and that, under the careful nursing which he will have, recovery, while it probably would be slow, was considered practically sure. Mr. Cortelyou said that the hour for the departure of the President had not been set, but that the Executive desired to reach Washington early Friday morning.

His special train will go by way of Worcester instead of passing through Boston as it did on the journey from Washington to Groton.

President Roosevelt went earlier than usual to visit his son and to

bring back his wife to breakfast. For the first time since his arrival, the President talked with the newspaper men, while they were securing the report of his son's condition.

He was very cordial and spoke with delight of the favorable condition of his boy.

The room in which young Roosevelt was being cared for was not lighted after 11 o'clock last night. The rooms of the other two boys who are ill at the infirmary were not dark, and although each had a restless night, the reports from them this morning were encouraging.